(e) The following are the charges framed against the clerk E. Paul who was responsible for the irregularities.

(1) That he forged the signature of the Honorary Superintendent on the letter to the Comptroller of Accounts asking for the return of the 27 detailed bills.

(2) That having secured the return of these detailed bills he kept them with him instead of returning them to the Comptroller of Accounts.

(3) That he recorded on several abstract bills that no detailed bills were pending submission, though many such bills were pending.

(4) That he wrongly noted in several abstract bills the budget allotment and the expenditure up-to-date.

(5) That on the 1st of Makaram the pay of the garden establishment for Dhanu was drawn twice on two bills.

(f) The clerk concerned was suspended for six months, and then transferred from the Museum.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it a fact that it is seen from the accounts that a lion which was dead some years ago is being fed even now?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I want notice.

Mr. President.—Is it a daily feeding or the annual sradham or any other ceremony?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is seen from the accounts that are maintained that this lion is fed. This is also one of the irregularities.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Did the Government find the forgery proved against the clerk?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Inasmuch as there are so many irregularities do the Government contemplate to take any action against the Superintendent?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Not at present.

Irrecoverable amounts written off from Museum Accounts.

316. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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what is the total amount that has till now been written off from the Museum accounts as irrecoverable since the present Superintendent assumed charge?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Rs. 5,500-1-8. The writing off was, however, in respect of transactions made by the present Superintendent's predecessor.

Chathiath Kadavu—collecting of landing dues—complaint against.

317. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint or representation from the citizens of Ernakulam town about the collection of landing dues from Chathiath Kadavu;

(b) if received, when;

(c) what action they have taken regarding that complaint?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes.

(b) On 17—8—1935.

(c) The petition was considered and dismissed as it was found that the action of the Council complained against was only in the interests of public convenience and within the bounds of law.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—May I know whether the Government have received any resolution passed at a public meeting held in Chathiath in this connection?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes. We have received a petition.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—It is said in (c) that it is in the interests of public convenience. Do the public say that it gives convenience?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—There are no landing places there. The Municipality found it necessary to have a public landing place there.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—It is stated 'in the interests of public convenience'. Do the public say so?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The public as a body had not come forward and said that it is for their convenience. The Municipality on enquiry found that it was a public convenience.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—A Public meeting was held and a resolution was passed protesting about the landing place. Am I

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